

IN THE CLAIMS

The claims have not been amended herein. For convenience, however, a complete listing of the currently pending claims follows.

1. (Previously Presented) An image processing apparatus comprising:
 - first input means for inputting first data created by predetermined application software;
 - second input means for inputting second data converted into image data of a predetermined format on the basis of the first data;
 - registration means for registering the first and second data in a database in correspondence with a specific index, wherein the first and second data are registered in the database simultaneously but individually;
 - output means for outputting either of the first and second data which are registered in the database;
 - designation means for designating an output method by said output means from a plurality of output methods;
 - index input means for inputting the specific index; and
 - control means for selecting either of the first and second data corresponding to the specific index input by said index input means on the basis of a kind of the output method designated by said designation means from the database, and causing said output means to output the selected data in accordance with the designated output method,
 - wherein said control means automatically selects the first data, but does not select the second data, in response to a designation by said designation means of a transmission as the

output method, and automatically selects the second data, but does not select the first data, in response to a designation by said designation means of a printing as the output method.

2. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the apparatus further comprises printing means for printing an image obtained by synthesizing information representing the index and the second data input by said second input means, and

said index input means inputs the information representing the index by reading, by a reading device, the image which is obtained by synthesizing the information representing the index and the data input by said second input means and is printed by said printing means.

3. (Original) The apparatus according to Claim 2, wherein the information representing the index is expressed by a barcode.

4. (Original) The apparatus according to Claim 2, wherein the information representing the index is expressed by a character string.

5. (Original) The apparatus according to Claim 2, wherein the information representing the index is expressed by each character spacing in a predetermined character string.

6. (Original) The apparatus according to Claim 2, wherein said output means includes said printing means, and

when the output method designated by said designation means is printed by said printing means, said control means so controls as to select the second data and cause said printing means to print an image based on the second data.

7. (Original) The apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein
the apparatus further comprises transmission means for transmitting data as one of said output means, and

when the output method designated by said designation means is transmission by said transmission means, said control means so controls as to cause said transmission means to transmit the first data.

8. (Original) The apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the database is constructed by a terminal connected via a network.

9. (Previously Presented) An image processing method comprising:
a first input step of inputting first data created by predetermined application software;
a second input step of inputting second data converted into image data of a predetermined format on the basis of the first data;

a registration step of registering the first and second data in a database in correspondence with a specific index, wherein the first and second data are registered in the database simultaneously but individually;

a designation step of designating an output method of the data registered in the database from a plurality of output methods;

an index input step of inputting the specific index; and

an output step of selecting either of the first and second data corresponding to the specific index input by said index input means on the basis of a kind of the output method designated from the database in the designation step, and outputting the selected data in accordance with the designated output method,

wherein said output step automatically selects the first data, but does not select the second data, in response to a designation by said designation step of a transmission as the output method, and automatically selects the second data, but does not select the first data, in response to a designation by said designation step of a printing as the output method.

10. (Previously Presented) A program which causes a computer to execute
a first input step of inputting first data created by predetermined application software,
a second input step of inputting second data converted into image data of a predetermined format on the basis of the first data,

a registration step of registering the first and second data in a database in correspondence with a specific index, wherein the first and second data are registered in the database simultaneously but individually,

a designation step of designating an output method of the data registered in the database from a plurality of output methods,

an index input step of inputting the specific index, and

an output step of selecting either of the first and second data corresponding to the specific index input by said index input means on the basis of a kind of the output method designated

from the database in the designation step, and outputting the selected data in accordance with the designated output method,

wherein said output step automatically selects the first data, but does not select the second data, in response to a designation by said designation step of a transmission as the output method, and automatically selects the second data, but does not select the first data, in response to a designation by said designation step of a printing as the output method.

11. (Previously Presented) A program stored on a computer-readable medium, said program including code for causing a computer to execute image processing steps comprising:

- a first input step of inputting first data created by predetermined application software,
- a second input step of inputting second data converted into image data of a predetermined format on the basis of the first data,
- a registration step of registering the first and second data in a database in correspondence with a specific index, wherein the first and second data are registered in the database simultaneously but individually,
- a designation step of designating an output method of the data registered in the database from a plurality of output methods,
- an index input step of inputting the specific index, and
- an output step of selecting either of the first and second data corresponding to the specific index input by said index input means on the basis of a kind of the output method designated from the database in the designation step, and outputting the selected data in accordance with the designated output method,

wherein said output step automatically selects the first data, but does not select the second data, in response to a designation by said designation step of a transmission as the output method, and automatically selects the second data, but does not select the first data, in response to a designation by said designation step of a printing as the output method.